

Union Calendar No. 173

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 452

[Report No. 109–319]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2005

Mr. CLAY (for himself, Mr. CARNAHAN, and Mr. SKELTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

DECEMBER 6, 2005

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY REGARDING**
2 **THE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL MILITARY MU-**
3 **SEUM.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) The Soldiers' Memorial is a tribute to all
6 veterans located in the greater St. Louis area, in-
7 cluding Southern Illinois.

8 (2) The current annual budget for the memorial
9 is \$185,000 and is paid for exclusively by the City
10 of St. Louis.

11 (3) In 1923, the City of St. Louis voted to
12 spend \$6,000,000 to purchase a memorial plaza and
13 building dedicated to citizens of St. Louis who lost
14 their lives in World War I.

15 (4) The purchase of the 7 block site exhausted
16 the funds and no money remained to construct a
17 monument.

18 (5) In 1933, Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann ap-
19 pealed to citizens and the city government to raise
20 \$1,000,000 to construct a memorial building and
21 general improvement of the plaza area and the con-
22 struction of Soldiers' Memorial began on October
23 21, 1935.

24 (6) On October 14, 1936, President Franklin
25 D. Roosevelt officially dedicated the site.

1 (7) On Memorial Day in 1938, Mayor
2 Dickmann opened the building to the public.

3 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry
4 out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of
5 designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum, lo-
6 cated at 1315 Chestnut, St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit
7 of the National Park System.

8 (c) STUDY PROCESS AND COMPLETION.—Section
9 8(c) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)) shall
10 apply to the conduct and completion of the study required
11 by this section.

12 (d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit a report
13 describing the results the study required by this section
14 to the Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-
15 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
16 sources of the Senate.

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